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THE REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.103 HAS BEEN APPROVED. THE SUSPENSION OF ACTION WILL TERMINATE 06 MONTHS AFTER DATE THE REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION WAS FILED.

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SUSPENSION

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Ms. Thi Dang at telephone number (703) 308-1973.

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